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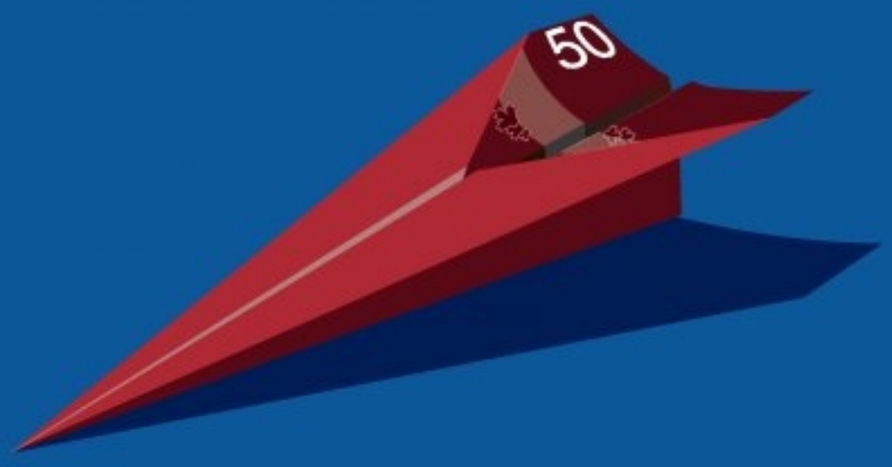

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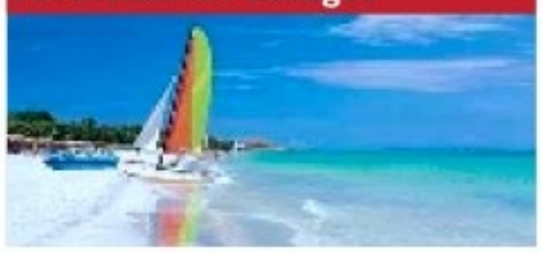

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DESIGN

Gear tells Suffering Mall to go to he'll

Tired of your phone outsmarting you with endless autocorrects?

If you're Sarah Creskey, it's a good source of inspiration. The Toronto designer has turned the near-daily frustration into art with a healthy dose of wit.

Creskey, who owns west-end Wawa art shop, has been printing and selling T-shirts, pins and handbags with all sorts of words drawn from her own texting flops.

The ever-familiar "duck you" and, of course, "holy shut" are among the most notable.

"I was always having these moments where my phone was censoring me, and I'd think, 'Who the hell are you to tell me what to say?'" Creskey said. "I mean, you tell your boyfriend to go to hell, and the phone changes it to, 'go to he'll.' It's a ridiculous kind of censorship."

It's not the first time Creskey's used art to express some of her deepest frustrations. Last year, she sold handbags denouncing former prime minister Stephen Harper.

In addition, she designed a line of shirts with the slogan "not always nice" — meant to dismiss the idea that women must be polite.

Creskey started thinking about her autocorrect pieces some time ago. The tipping point came about six months ago when Dufferin Mall turned into "Suffering Mall" on her smartphone.

"Don't get me wrong, I really love that mall," she said, explaining the art isn't an attack on the shopping centre. "But the fact that there's a mall in the universe that autocorrects into suffering was really amazing to me."

The community reaction has been amazing, she said.

"It somehow makes people happy, and that's what I'm going for," she said. "As an artist, you always have to be careful about what you're putting out in the world, but this has been fun." GILBERT NGABO/METRO

WANT ONE?

T-shirts and sweaters at Wawa sell for between $25 and $50. Pins sell for as low as $2.

Sarah Creskey is the Toronto artist and designer behind a line of clothing and buttons that lets everyone wear autocorrect fails as badges of honour. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Current bylaws require towers to be at least 11 metres apart, but a proposal could see that pushed to 25. TODD KOROL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto towers too tight, critics argue

DEVELOPMENT

City considers bylaws to ease condo crunch

Gilbert Ngabo
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As Toronto's downtown core gets denser, the shrinking space between condo towers has become a pressing issue.

As part of a broader plan to make downtown Toronto more livable, the city is considering changing zoning bylaws that stipulate how close neighbouring towers can be.

Current bylaws require towers to be at least 11 metres apart, but proposed guidelines could see that pushed to as many as 25 metres, said Greg Lintern, the city's director of community planning.

"Those older standards were put in place when buildings were much, much shorter," he said. "The taller they get, the further apart they should be."

More space around buildings helps preserve privacy and window views and makes room for things such as public transit and parks, Lintern said.

"Part of what we're looking at is how we continue to accommodate growth in downtown, because we know more growth is coming," he said.

Staff are holding consultations on the issue and will report their findings to council in June.

DENSITY

- Downtown Toronto is growing four times faster than Toronto as a whole.
- A quarter of a million people commute into the downtown each day by public transit.
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TRANSPORTATION

Parking fines jump

Motorists in Toronto face steeper fines for a host of parking offences starting Thursday.

Fines will jump to $150 for blocking sidewalks, double parking, standing in TTC zones and blocking lanes reserved for high-occupancy vehicles.

"By attaching a real price to blocking lanes of traffic with illegal parking, we will reduce congestion," said Mayor John Tory.

However, just because the fines are levied doesn't necessarily mean they will be paid. Last September, Toronto quietly cancelled about 880,000 long-unpaid parking tickets worth about $20 million, citing limited court capacity and the difficulty of assuring citizens' rights to a prompt trial. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GTA NEWS

Man dies after Vaughan collision

An 80-year-old man was killed and a 17-year-old injured after their vehicles collided in Vaughan Thursday night.

The senior citizen's Nissan sedan and the teenage boy's Ford pickup collided on Martin Grove Road, south of Forest Drive just before 9 p.m. The elderly man was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries and later passed away.

The teenager was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

York Regional police have asked anyone who witnessed the incident to get in touch with the force.

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Police officer found dead in Cuba

It was billed as a trip to an "Island Paradise." And it was Mark Stachurski's last.

The 56-year-old veteran of the Brantford police and father of two was found lifeless on the tiny and uninhabited Cuban island of Cayo Saetia on March 19.

He and about 30 others went on the trip to the island for snorkeling, lunch and walks on the beach. When the guests regrouped on shore at the end of the day, he was missing. A search party found him dead on a reef at around 3 p.m. and called the police.

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Hundreds of guns found in home of deceased man

Durham Regional Police say they've removed hundreds of firearms from a Pickering, Ont., home after the owner was found deceased.

Police say they found the body of a 72-year-old man Monday, who was known to have previous medical issues, and investigators say his death is not considered suspicious. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jennifer Neville-Lake holds up a photo showing two of her children holding hands in the hospital before they died after a car crash caused by drunk driver Marco Muzzo, after his sentencing outside the Newmarket courthouse. MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'None of my children saw 10 years. None'

IMPAIRED DRIVING

Marco Muzzo gets 10 years for killing four people

While the killer of her father and children may have received a 10-year prison term, Jennifer Neville-Lake is already serving a kind of life sentence.

Her last moments with her two youngest children were in the hospital, their beds next to each other and their hands intertwined, as they were taken off life support while family and friends sang Over the Rainbow.

"None of my children saw 10 years. None," she told reporters Tuesday after Superior Court Justice Michelle Fuerst imposed the sentence on convicted drunk driver Marco Muzzo in a Newmarket courtroom.

"When you choose to drink and drive, you're hurting other families. You're killing someone else's babies ... like all of mine were killed on a beautiful Sunday afternoon just after 4 o'clock."

With credit for time served in custody since the Sept. 27 crash, Muzzo still has 9 years and 4 months left to serve.

He is eligible to apply for full parole after having served one-third of his sentence (about 3 years), and can apply for day parole six months prior to that (after having served about two-and-a-half-years.)

> When you choose to drink and drive, you're hurting other families.
>
> Jennifer Neville-Lake

Muzzo was also banned from driving for 12 years.

Public reaction to the penalty was predictably swift and angry, with many noting that it was too light and nowhere the near maximum punishment for impaired driving causing death, which is life in prison.

But from a legal standpoint, lawyers and advocates noted that it was one of the highest sentences for this type of crime in Canadian history, and perhaps the stiffest for an individual with no prior criminal record and who pleaded guilty.

Muzzo, 29, pleaded guilty in February to the Vaughan crash that killed Daniel Neville-Lake, 9, Harrison, 5, Milagros, 2, and their 65-year-old grandfather, Gary Neville.

Court heard that Muzzo's blood alcohol content was nearly three times the legal limit when he ran a stop sign and crashed into the family's minivan.

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No appeal: Muzzo's lawyer

There will be no appeal of Muzzo's sentence, his lawyer Brian Greenspan confirmed Tuesday after the penalty was imposed.

Criminal defence lawyer Daniel Brown, who was not involved in the case, said an appeal would have "no shot" anyway, as higher courts have recognized a trial judge's wide latitude in reaching the appropriate sentence.

He also described Justice Michelle Fuerst as "appeal-proof," meaning she has a reputation for producing balanced and well-researched reasons that are difficult to have overturned.

"Recent Supreme Court jurisprudence has spoken to the fact that judges can deviate from the sentencing ranges where it's appropriate and this is one of those cases where it was clearly appropriate to deviate slightly from the sentencing range and to elevate it," he said.

Greenspan himself unsuccessfully tried in 2011 to reduce the 8-year sentence imposed on London, Ont. man Andrew Kummer. He had argued for five years, but the Court of Appeal found that because Parliament decided the maximum punishment for impaired driving causing death is life in prison, it must "remain in the realm of possibility" that a life sentence could be imposed by a trial judge.

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ACTIVISM

Animal rights group saves goat from death

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Kindness isn't usually expected at a slaughterhouse, but one goat was lucky enough to be spared imminent death last week.

Lily — as her rescuers called her afterwards — was hanging out at a Milton slaughterhouse waiting for her death call when animal rights protesters showed up and pleaded for her mercy.

Known as the Toronto Cow Save, the group has been holding vigils at different abattoirs across the GTA in its effort to foster more compassion to animals.

That day, they just happened to stop by this one in Milton.

"That poor goat was tugging at my pants," said Anita Krajnc, the Toronto woman currently battling a court case for giving water to pigs last year.

After a back-and-forth with slaughterhouse owners, the group was allowed to take Lily with them to safety. The group has so far managed to rescue two cows, two lambs, dozens of chickens and many fish.

Krajnc said there was nothing special about Lily or any of the other animals they've rescued — their group is simply driven by compassion to animals who they say shouldn't be dying so painfully. "Animals are social beings too, and they fear pain as we do," she said. "All you have to do is just look in their eye, then you want to rescue another one and another one."

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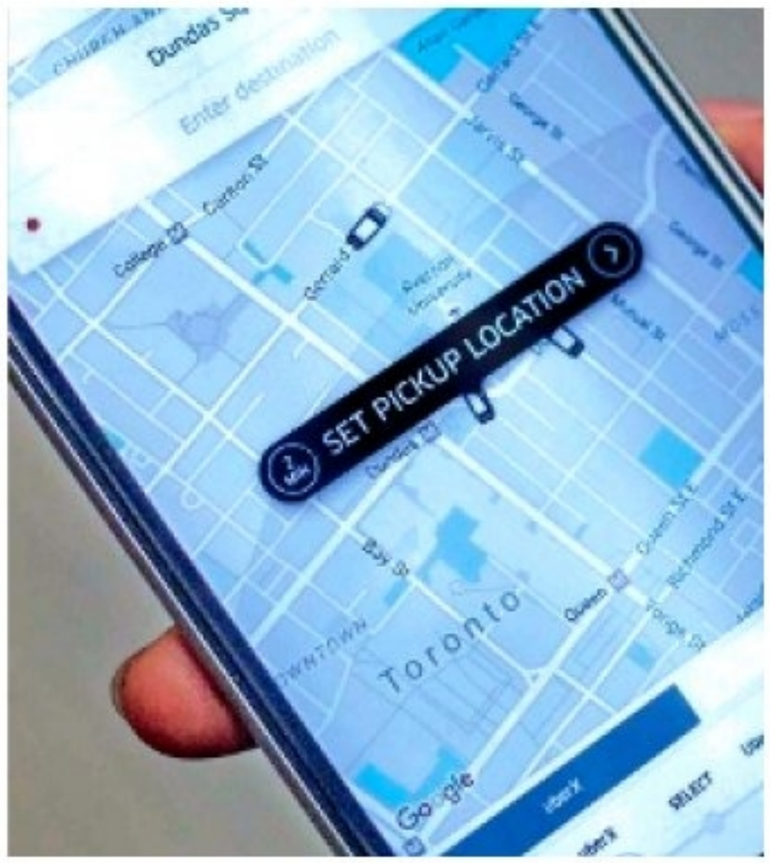

Uber submitted a draft bylaw to the city's licensing division, upsetting the Toronto Taxi Alliance. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR

Uber 'bylaw' draws ire

TRANSPORT

Taxi lobbyist upset over 'pre-written legislation'

Uber Canada crossed a line when it submitted a draft bylaw to the city's licensing division, says the head of a taxi lobby group.

Next week, municipal licensing staff will release the much-anticipated proposed regulations for ride-sharing services and the taxi industry. City council is set to vote on the staff recommendations in May.

"I don't think councillors are going to like the concept of a foreign, private sector company writing the legislation to staff," Rita Smith, executive director of the Toronto Taxi Alliance, said Tuesday.

Uber Canada spokeswoman Susie Heath said it is "standard practice" for stakeholders to provide input to a government drawing up new laws.

"Uber and all parties involved in the ground transportation industry were invited to make submissions on regulations for consideration by ML&S, (Municipal Licensing and Standards)," Heath wrote in email. "We regularly share examples of ridesharing regulations with regulators to help them better understand how jurisdictions around the world are regulating ridesharing."

Smith said submitting a "full deck of pre-written legislation" was not standard practice.

"I have never seen this level of detail before, at any level of government," she said. "This has been Uber's stealth method of operations in many other jurisdictions."

The Uber document was included in a batch of emails Smith obtained through a freedom of information request.

Last August, Chris Schafer, Uber Canada's public policy manager, sent an email to licensing executive director Tracey Cook that included a "City of Toronto Transportation Network Company Services Bylaw," prepared by Uber.

According to the document, Uber wants the city to set up a separate category for itself — called Transportation Network Company, or TNC.

"TNCs or TNC drivers are not common carriers or commercial motor vehicles (as defined in the Highway Traffic Act of the Province of Ontario)," the Uber document states. "A TNC driver shall not be required to register the vehicle such driver uses for TNC services as a commercial or for hire vehicles."

Cook said Tuesday that the city will be doing the writing of any bylaw, but has "welcomed input from all stakeholders, including through a dedicated email account. We have received written submissions from numerous taxi and limousine stakeholders. We take all submissions into consideration — no one submission carries more weight than another."

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Detainee faces terror-related charges

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RCMP link man arrested last week to terrorist group

A man detained last week out of fear he might commit a terrorist act was charged Tuesday with a terrorism-related offence.

Police allege that Kevin Mohamed participated in, or contributed to, the activities of a terrorist group over a two-year period.

Mohamed, 23, of no fixed address, was remanded until April 19 for a bail hearing that prosecutor Sarah Shaikh said could last two or three days.

"The Crown is seeking his detention," Shaikh told justice of the peace Kelly Visser.

In a statement after the new charge was laid Tuesday, the RCMP said the arrest followed an "extensive" investigation dubbed "Project Swap" that began last August amid suspicion that Mohamed had travelled to Turkey in April 2014 to join Jabhat Al-Nusra, a listed terrorist entity in Canada. Mohamed returned to Canada a month later, police allege.

"We were able to not only disrupt this threat to our country's national security, but also to bring this individual before the Canadian justice system," the Mounties said in the statement.

"At no time during the course of this investigation was there any risk to public safety."

Police allege Mohamed committed the offences in Ontario over a period from April 24, 2014 to March 25, 2016.

Mohamed was arrested Friday in Waterloo, Ont., under a recent law that essentially allows detention without charge.

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Kevin Mohamed has been charged with a terrorism-related offense after an extensive police investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Report backs Tory's SmartTrack scheme

Mayor John Tory's proposal to pay for the city's share of his SmartTrack transit plan has received the qualified backing of a new report.

Tory is proposing the city use a relatively unknown revenue tool, called Tax Increment Financing, or TIF, to cover its one-third share of the yet-to-be settled surface railway plan.

The TIF model is based on the assumption that new infrastructure, such as a transit line, will boost building along the route, spurring new development and driving up the value of existing properties.

The city borrows the money up front, and pays it back with funds generated by the extra property tax revenue over a period of 30 years.

During the 2014 mayoral election campaign, Tory's main challengers, Doug Ford and Olivia Chow, criticized the scheme and skeptics continue to question a plan that relies on so much uncertainty.

But a new report concludes the proposal to use TIF to fund SmartTrack has merit — as long certain conditions are met.

"Depending on SmartTrack's impact on property values and the design of the TIF program, TIF can potentially finance a large share of the city's investment cost," writes the report's author, Adam Found, a policy fellow with C.D. Howe Institute.

The report, called Tapping the Land: Tax Increment Financing of Infrastructure, notes Ontario is one of the few jurisdictions in North America that has yet to implement TIF, despite having TIF legislation for almost a decade.

Other cash-strapped municipalities, loath to raise property taxes to pay for infrastructure, will be watching with great interest, Found writes.

"The successful application of TIF to SmartTrack could pave the way for more extensive consideration and use of TIF throughout Ontario, and perhaps the rest of Canada."

However, it is the provincial government "that ultimately will determine if and when the regulations required to activate the TIF Act are enacted, and whether and to what extent TIF will be used to finance SmartTrack."

Enid Slack, who heads the Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance at the University of Toronto, said Monday she agrees TIF has potential but comes with a risk, since its success depends "on land values increasing."

Councillor Paula Fletcher (Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth) remains unconvinced.

"I'm skeptical because it's never been used in Ontario before. Introducing TIF at the same moment as SmartTrack and RER (Regional Express Railway), which is very cloudy to start with, simply may cloud the waters even more."

She has, however, seen first-hand TIF work: In Chicago where it was used to help pay for a massive overhaul of social housing areas. In that case, future redevelopment was almost guaranteed.

Fletcher doesn't see the same opportunity along the proposed SmartTrack line, except for the old Unilever site at the elbow of the Don Valley Parkway and Gardiner Expressway.

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John Tory holds up his transit plan during the mayoral debate in Etobicoke in 2014. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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FORD'S PROCESSION AND ROAD CLOSURES

After two days at the City Hall rotunda, Rob Ford's body will be taken to St. James Cathedral on Wednesday for a noon funeral service. Here's how the day will unfold.

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CITY HALL

Ford faithful pay respects as former mayor lies in repose

For a second day, the lineup to file past the casket of Toronto Coun. Rob Ford went out the front door of city hall and snaked around the corner.

The former mayor's brother Doug Ford, Doug's wife Karla and their three daughters greeted the steady stream of mourners, along with his nephew Michael Ford, a Toronto school trustee.

David Mark, who lives in the Annex, said he voted for Ford to become mayor because he wanted to see "change in this city."

However, after scandals including substance abuse that affected his job as mayor of Canada's biggest city, Mark said he "lost faith" in Ford.

"I feel guilty that I wanted to see him out (of office)," Mark said, adding he felt that way after Ford was diagnosed in September 2014 with a rare and aggressive cancer that forced him to end a post-rehab mayoral re-election bid in favour of returning to his old Ward 2 Etobicoke North council seat.

"I wanted to come here and express my sympathies."

Judy Edwards said Ford "looked after the little guy. He said if I ever needed help, just call him. I got a ride to go vote and he was in the vehicle. He was a good guy."

Members of the Sikh Spiritual Centre Gurdwara in Rexdale pay their respects Tuesday to Rob Ford. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Others who paid respects included former lieutenant-governor David Onley.

After pausing in front of Ford's flag-draped casket, some mourners looked at bulletin boards full of Ford family photos, many of them snapping their own photos of the photos.

> **I feel guilty that I wanted to see him out (of office).**
> David Mark

The visitation started at 7:30 a.m. and was to end at 9 p.m.

Starting mid-morning Wednesday, Ford's casket will be part of a procession to St. James Cathedral on King St. E. for a noon funeral.

His family is hoping people will join them walking the route.

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Toronto's art renaissance

New leaders are landing at the Art Gallery of Ontario and Royal Ontario Museum, and the city's pre-eminent contemporary art space has launched an ambitious rebranding exercise. Yet if Toronto wants to become a global cultural hub, members of the arts community say it's going to take courage, collaboration — and cash.

Tuesday marked Joshua Basseches' (left) first day as the ROM'S new CEO. He'll soon be followed by **Stephan Jost** (centre), who's set to take over the reins of the AGO next month. Meanwhile, **Chantal Pontbriand** (right) is re-imagining the Museum of Contemporary Art in a bid to transform Toronto into an international mecca of modern art. CONTRIBUTED

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Chantal Pontbriand doesn't believe Toronto is an international arts hub. But she wants to make it one.

"You don't have many museums. You don't have many galleries, although more are opening every week. The international galleries aren't here, and there's no major international art fair," said the director of the Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto.

"There's a lot of work to do, but I think in 10 years we'll be there," she said.

"If we steer things right."

Pontbriand was appointed last fall as part of a wave of new arts talent in Toronto, including new ROM CEO Joshua Basseches and Stephan Jost at the AGO.

The influx of fresh faces has the city's arts scene abuzz with talk of renewal and change.

"I'm sensing a real excitement and a desire for collaboration," said Coun. John Filion, appointed by Mayor John Tory as the city's arts advocate.

Filion said Toronto needs to market its "already fabulous" arts scene better, both to its own residents and visitors. He's working with the Toronto Airport Authority to showcase arts and culture events at Pearson International.

"The tens of millions of people who pass through there each year should get a better sense of Toronto as a mecca for the arts," he said.

Gaëtane Verna, director of the Power Plant Gallery, wants the new leaders of the ROM and AGO to reach out to and collaborate with smaller arts organizations.

"It could be as simple as co-hosting an event," she said. "Or using their collection to do something on our site ... that way both our public and the ones who go to the AGO but never set foot in the Power Plant will be going back and forth."

Dave Bidini, one of Toronto's most well-known musicians and writers, said Toronto can't take its arts scene global by playing it safe. He encouraged the city's artistic leaders to "let the freaks steer the ship for a while."

"Being avant-garde and doing things differently has always been a strong paragon of the Canadian artistic consciousness, but one that's never been recognized by the bureaucrats and the suits," he said.

Ultimately, Pontbriand believes each of the city's flagship arts institutions needs to chart its own course, and she cautioned them against copying other cities.

"We have to be a singular city. We have to create our own agenda," she said.

While it's important to discuss vision, one veteran member of the city's arts community— who asked to remain anonymous — said Toronto's ability to grow its arts and culture scene will depend on the generosity of governments and other donors.

"Money is the magic catalytic agent," she said. "Without it, you can have the most intelligent people running the show, but if they're stuck trying to save on toilet paper, you're not going to get the renaissance you're hoping for."

> **We have to be a singular city. We have to create our own agenda.** Chantal Pontbriand

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UN to shine spotlight on Canada's refugees

GENEVA

Country praised as leaders meet to discuss Syria

As world leaders converge on Geneva Wednesday seeking inspiration to resolve the Syrian refugee crisis, all eyes will be on Canada's feat of resettling 25,000 Syrians in just four months.

Immigration Minister John McCallum, the man at the helm of the country's most aggressive refugee resettlement project, will be a key presenter at the United Nations conference attended by representatives of 80 countries, 10 international organizations and 24 non-governmental agencies.

"People close to refugee issues follow Canada's efforts closely. Among a certain type here your new prime minister is the new Obama, the progressive dreamboat. We wish we had a leader who saw welcoming refugees not as a chore, but as something to be proud of," said Tim Finch of the National Refugee Welcome Board in the United Kingdom.

"It is an inspiration to us. If Canada can do it, there's no reason why we shouldn't. Refugee advocates here look at Canada and think, 'if only'."

Although Ottawa had to extend its resettlement deadline from Dec. 31 to Feb. 29, it brought in 26,000 refugees, including 9,000 who were sponsored by community groups.

The resettlement program led by **Immigration Minister John McCallum** (right) has been called 'inspirational' by a U.K. non-governmental organization. THE CANADIAN PRESS

While there have been bumps along the way, with private sponsorship groups complaining about delays as government-assisted refugees crammed in hotels, the project has been widely viewed as a success.

"The government inspired people rather than scared them. Canadian people were ready. It's a success in terms of the political messaging, results and action," said Mike Molloy, who worked in the foreign affairs and immigration department's refugee branch for 35 years.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the host of Wednesday's conference, the meeting aims to rally international support in resettling Syrian refugees to relieve the burden on Middle Eastern countries by exploring alternatives such as humanitarian transfers and medical evacuation, as well as private sponsorship, which is unique in Canada.

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ASYLUM

Approval depends on which judge you draw

Despite recent reforms to the refugee system, whether an asylum claim is approved or denied has remained the luck of the draw, according to a new report.

Based on Immigration and Refugee Board data, Osgoode Hall law professor Sean Rehaag looked at all 7,818 asylum decisions made in 2015 by 92 board members under the new system. He found their decisions vary widely.

The former Conservative government made these new decision-makers government employees — replacing the old political appointees — with the hope of making the system free from political influence based on the adjudicators' political affiliation.

"It's striking that the refugee determination system is making life-and-death decisions and the outcomes of the claims vary depending on who is making the decision," Rehaag said of the report to be released Wednesday.

In 2015, 8,268 new claims were processed; 279 were withdrawn and 160 were deemed abandoned. Of the 7,818 decisions rendered, 65 per cent were granted and 35 per cent denied.

While some decision-makers rarely granted refugee status, Rehaag said others accepted most of the cases they heard.

Member Gloria Moreno, for example, had a grant rate of 27.3 per cent out of 22 decisions, the lowest of all adjudicators, followed by David Young, who only accepted 32.9 per cent in 79 decisions. At the other end of the spectrum, 98.5 of James Waters's 65 decisions were positive, with Maria Vega in a close second at 92.9 per cent.

Rehaag compared decisions by different adjudicators on claims from the same country and found the variations unjustified. He said his findings speak to the importance of allowing universal access for failed claimants to appeal to the refugee appeal tribunal.

The IRB said outcomes of decisions vary because decision-makers render impartial decisions in accordance with the law based on the evidence presented. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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The scene of the crash in a field on Quebec's Isle-de-la-Madeleine on Tuesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Seven killed in plane crash

MAGDALEN ISLANDS

Ex-minister, family were travelling to father's funeral

Tragedy struck the tight-knit world of Canadian politics Tuesday after a plane crashed in Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Que., killing former federal Liberal cabinet minister Jean Lapierre, four members of his family and the two pilots of the aircraft.

The crash, which occurred as the chartered airplane was approaching the runway in poor weather conditions, was devastating for the Lapierre clan — those killed were on their way back to the remote island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence to attend the funeral of Lapierre's 83-year-old father, who had just died after suffering from Parkinson's disease.

Late Tuesday night, the Quebec coroner's office confirmed that in addition to Lapierre, the dead included: his wife, Nicole Beaulieu; his sister, Martine Lapierre; his two brothers, Marc and Louis Lapierre; as well as the pilots Pascal Gosselin and Fabrice Labourel.

Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre, who sat in the Liberal cabinet along with Lapierre between 2004 and 2007, said: "Jean had antennas everywhere in the world of politics" — something that was key to his success in his post-politics career as an analyst and commentator on Quebec radio and television.

"People were not scared to confide in him, to 'go in the confession booth,' as he liked to say. He maintained his neutrality and spared no one in his commentary, not even his former colleagues," Coderre said in a statement.

Indeed, once his death was confirmed Tuesday afternoon after hours of rumour and speculation, tributes poured in from Liberal and Conservative prime ministers, from sovereigntists who briefly called Lapierre a colleague in the lead-up to the 1995 Quebec referendum, and from the media world, which also claimed Lapierre as one of their own when he quit elected politics for good.

The federal Transportation Safety Board will be probing the cause of the crash, but a team of investigators was unable to depart Tuesday for the crash site due to the poor weather conditions, which included snow and driving winds, said Chris Krepski, a spokesperson with the agency.

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TRAGEDY

Tributes pour in for Lapierre

Tributes poured in Tuesday for ex-federal cabinet minister Jean Lapierre following his death in a plane crash in eastern Quebec.

Many well-known Quebec journalists posted messages on social media during the day, begging Lapierre to say something to deny rumours he was on board the plane.

"He was above all a communicator," said Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre. "He could say a lot in a few words."

Politicians of all stripes also weighed in on the death of the 59-year-old, who first served as a Liberal MP in 1979 before switching to the Bloc Quebecois in 1990.

"An utter shock to learn of the death of Jean Lapierre and many family members," tweeted NDP Leader Tom Mulcair.

Conservative MP and former immigration minister Jason Kenney wrote on the social network, "Terrible news. Condolences to the loved ones of Jean and all of those lost aboard this flight. RIP." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jean Lapierre
THE CANADIAN PRESS

HOUSING

Tenant shocked to find her home in listing on Airbnb

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

When Theresa Mansell and her two roommates got an email from their landlord in mid-February stating they had to vacate their Burnaby, B.C. home so his family could move in, they were disappointed and made plans to leave at the end of March.

But they were suspicious about the reason for their eviction since a few weeks earlier, a photographer showed up to take photographs of the house for Airbnb, Mansell told Metro. At the time, the landlord assured them he was only listing the basement suite, not the upper level of the house they rented for $2,100 on a month-to-month lease.

"We ended up looking online and finding the ad for our actual place," said Mansell, a 24-year-old Emily Carr University student who is stressed about moving during final exams. "We were shocked and pretty angry about it."

Mansell's experience comes as Metro Vancouver municipalities grapple with rental vacancy rates near zero, leading politicians to question whether short-term rentals on websites such as Airbnb are taking rental units off the housing market.

As of Tuesday morning, the listing for Mansell's house was available the day after the students move out (April 3). It was unavailable from mid-May to mid-June, but was otherwise listed for as low as $162 per night in April and up to $698 per night over the Canada Day long weekend.

"No wonder he wants to put it on Airbnb for the summer," Mansell said.

Theresa Mansell CONTRIBUTED

But the listings for the summer disappeared on Tuesday afternoon after Metro contacted the landlord via Airbnb.

"No, actually [it] is not available after end of April," the landlord wrote in messages on Airbnb (his full name isn't listed).

He said was only renting the house on Airbnb for the month because the notice was for April 30, but the students wanted to leave at the end of March.

MONTREAL

Video prompts security operation

It is "too soon" to say whether a police raid Tuesday at a Montreal home was prompted by a threat to national security, the RCMP says.

Cpl. Francois Gagnon, a spokesperson with Mounties, confirmed that the force is working "in collaboration" with the Montreal Police, who responded Tuesday morning to the threat of an explosive device in the Montreal neighbourhood of Pierrefonds-Roxboro.

But he said that it is the local police force which is leading the investigation into a suspected bomb threat.

The Journal de Montréal reported that the emergency response Tuesday was prompted by a video posted online that appeared to show an explosive device. La Presse reported that the video was flagged to police in Quebec City, who then alerted their colleagues in Montreal after tracing the IP address of the computer that posted the video.

Officers evacuated some 200 people from their homes in the vicinity of the target residence and also temporarily shut down a commuter train that stops in the neighbourhood.

At the home, local police found and detained two people, "the suspect and the mother," but said they found no evidence of an explosive device.

Residents were allowed to return home at about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The Mayor of Pierrefonds-Roxboro, Dimitrios Jim Beis, said he was concerned by suggestions of a risk to public safety, but confident in the police's ability to handle the probe.

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Hijacking of EgyptAir flight ended peacefully

TERROR

No more 'normal' in Brussels

Belgium's justice minister pleaded Tuesday for critics of Belgium's intelligence failures to focus on the hunt for those behind last week's Brussels attacks and November's massacre in Paris.

Investigators say they are still looking for at least one suspect in the attacks seven days ago, when suicide bombers killed 32 people at Brussels' airport and in a subway station near the European Union headquarters. Three suicide bombers also blew themselves up.

The Health Ministry and victims identification officials said 90 people remain in hospital, a third of them suffering from severe burns. In a joint press conference they said the 32 dead include 17 Belgians and 15 foreigners, while 44 of the wounded are foreigners from 20 nations.

Belgium has faced rising international criticism over its evident inability to identify and monitor Daesh activists living in the capital who have been deemed responsible both for the March 22 bombings in Brussels and the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris nightspots that left 130 dead.

Brussels Mayor Yvan Mayeur, who faces criticism for his own actions before and after the suicide bombings, said there is "no such thing as 'normal' anymore." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Policemen and soldiers are seen at Brussels airport entrance. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SECURITY

'Unstable' man wearing fake explosives

An Egyptian wearing a fake explosives belt who hijacked a domestic EgyptAir flight and forced it to land in Cyprus on Tuesday surrendered and was taken into custody after releasing all passengers and crew unharmed following an hours-long standoff.

Officials said early on that the hijacking was not an act of terrorism, and later that the man appeared to be psychologically unstable. However, the incident was likely to renew concerns about Egyptian airport security months after a Russian passenger plane was downed over the Sinai Peninsula in a bombing claimed by Daesh.

"From the start, it was clear that this wasn't an act of terrorism, and despite the fact that the individual appeared to be dangerous in terms of his behaviour, we understood that this was a psychologically unstable person," Cyprus' Foreign Minister Ioannis Kasoulides told reporters.

He said the man initially asked to speak with his Cypriot ex-wife, who police brought to the airport.

"After that, he started asking for European Union representatives to assure him about matters that had no logical basis," Kasoulides said.

At one point the hijacker demanded the release of women held in Egyptian prisons, but he then dropped the demand and made others. "His demands made no sense or were too incoherent to be taken seriously," the minister said, adding that the contents of a letter the hijacker wanted to give to his ex-wife "were also incoherent."

Egypt's Interior Ministry identified the hijacker as 58-year-old Seif Eddin Mustafa. It said he has a long criminal record, with charges including forgery, theft and drug possession. He had also served time in prison, it said.

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A passenger leaves a hijacked EgyptAir aircraft after landing at Larnaca Airport in Cyprus on March 29, 2016. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIGRANTS TENSIONS HIGH AT GREEK BORDER AS PROTESTS CONTINUE

Migrant children look from inside a rail car at a train station near a makeshift refugee camp at the northern Greek border point of Idomeni, Greece on March 29, 2016. More than 15,000 people — nearly a third of the total stranded in Greece — are refusing to move to government-built shelters around the country, and remain at the border with Macedonia and at the port of Piraeus, near Athens.

Meanwhile, police have clashed with hundreds of migrants and refugees.

The protesters have blocked freight rail tracks for the past eight days, demanding that the border reopen. Macedonia says the border will remain closed to all migrants at least until the end of the year.

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U.S.

Capitol returns to normal

The U.S. Capitol complex reopened amid visibly higher security Tuesday, a day after police say officers shot and wounded a man who pulled a weapon at a security checkpoint as he entered the underground Capitol Visitor Center.

Larry R. Dawson of Tennessee, whom Capitol Police identified the man as the suspect, remained hospitalized and will not make a court appearance on Tuesday, said spokesman Bill Miller of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

The 66-year-old was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a police officer while armed. Dawson underwent surgery at a local hospital and as of late Monday was in stable but critical condition, police said.

Monday's incident, in which a bystander was slightly wounded, occurred at the tourists' entry point to a building that had heightened security even before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and has had periodic scares ever since.

With last week's suicide attacks in Brussels, Belgium, that killed 35 people fresh on people's minds, Capitol Police Chief Matthew R. Verderosa held a brief news conference at which he said terrorism seemed unlikely.

"We do believe this is an act of a single person who has frequented the Capitol grounds before and there is no reason to believe that this is anything more than a criminal act," Verderosa, who became chief this month after about three decades on the force, told reporters.

ISLAMABAD

Protesters flood city amid security crackdown

Hundreds of Islamic extremists resumed protests in Pakistan's capital Tuesday over the execution of a man who killed a secular governor, in a show of defiance amid a government crackdown following a suicide attack two days earlier.

The rally brought more than 10,000 into the streets of Islamabad. On Tuesday, police said some 700 remained.

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Tech industry struggles to find skilled workers

EMPLOYMENT

Wanted: Web developers and coders

Three years ago, Erik Dohnberg was working at the Genius Bar at an Apple store in London, Ont.

He'd been there for 10 months after graduating with an information and media studies degree from Western University when he decided he wanted more.

With the intention of starting up his own business, Dohnberg signed up for a nine-week boot camp at Bitmaker Labs, a web developer training school in Toronto.

Within two weeks of completing the boot camp, Dohnberg had 16 job interviews and received two job offers. One of them was from Bitmaker Labs.

Tech skills programs like the ones at Bitmaker Labs have been sprouting up over the past few years in response to a tech talent shortage in Canada. It's a problem that has been bubbling to the surface, as more startups open up shop and try to recruit from an already-small pool of Canadian coders and developers.

A tutor helps a student at Lighthouse Labs in Toronto, Ont.
CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A report released earlier this month by the Information and Communications Technology Council estimates that 218,000 tech jobs will be created in Canada by 2020. It warns that it could cost the economy billions of dollars in lost productivity, tax revenues and GDP if Canada doesn't address the tech skills gap.

At Bitmaker, courses range from weekend boot camps to an intensive nine-week course for $9,000. The school believes anyone can learn how to code and its students include everyone from college and university dropouts to ex-engineers, investment bankers and skilled labourers. Bitmaker has also enrolled computer engineer and science graduates looking to update their skills.

Dohnberg said such boot camps are still not producing workers fast enough to meet the demands of the ever-evolving tech industry, making it vital for colleges and universities to tailor their programs for jobs in the sector.

Vancouver-based Lighthouse Labs, which also runs web developer boot camps, sees its role as completely separate from that of a post-secondary institution.

"We consider ourselves complementary to university. We're not trying to undercut it or disrupt it," said Jeremy Shaki, Lighthouse chief executive and self-proclaimed "chief talking officer."

The eight-week boot camp at Lighthouse accepts one out of three applicants, with the deciding factor being motivation, a coding background and a willingness to do hard work.

"We don't take people who are in it for the gold rush," said Shaki. THE CANADIAN PRESS

HIRING

Talent shortage means university not required

Before Hired launched in Toronto last November, nearly 27,000 people and more than 280 companies applied for the online service that matches job seekers with gigs in the tech sector.

About five per cent of applicants are approved to use Hired's services, and it usually charges firms 15 per cent of a new employee's first-year salary for each successful hire.

To Matt Mickiewicz, the company's co-founder and chief product officer, the high interest signals a problem — the jobs are there, but there are too few qualified candidates to fill them.

Canada's tech companies are in stiff competition for retaining top prospects. Organizations are struggling to find qualified applicants.

One of the top challenges for many is attracting and recruiting employees, according to an ICTC survey where more than 53 per cent of respondents identified it as a problem.

It's an issue Shopify, an Ottawa-based company, has encountered.

"In looking for folks who are going to raise the bar, absolutely, there are challenges," said Anna Lambert, Shopify's director of talent acquisition.

Tech companies must have an expansive recruitment strategy to bring in the best employees, she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shopify's Harry Brundage and Anna Lambert THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Sending a message of hope with the beauty of blooms.

Spring is the season of rebirth and renewal, of hope for brighter days ahead. For 60 years, the Canadian Cancer Society has used one of the first-blooming spring flowers, a yellow daffodil, as a symbol of strength and courage for people living with cancer.

During the 1950s, the charity's volunteers started to use daffodils as decorations at fund-raising tea events. At the time, cancer was a disease that people only whispered about. A group of Toronto volunteers wanted to show support for patients by bringing cancer out of the shadows. They spread the message by handing out daffodils to patrons of local restaurants. When people wanted to pay or make a donation for the flowers, the charity realized that the little yellow bloom could also be a powerful fundraiser.

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In the years since, the daffodil has become a symbol of cancer awareness — so much so that in 2000, the Canadian Cancer Society adopted it as its logo.

In Ontario, Loblaw Companies Limited is the Canadian Cancer Society's official fresh daffodil retail partner. Through this partnership, fresh daffodils will be sold exclusively at Loblaws, Zehrs, Valu-mart, Real Canadian Superstore and Your Independent Grocer stores across the province between March 31 and April 14 (or while supplies last). For every bunch or pot sold, $2 will be donated to the charity. Money raised during Daffodil Month goes toward life-saving research and essential support programs for those living with cancer.

Virtually everyone has been touched by cancer, either personally or by association. Two out of five people are expected to develop the disease during their lifetimes, and one in four is expected to die from it.

BUYING FRESH OR POTTED FLOWERS DURING APRIL

means more than just a monetary donation: it is a symbol of support for all those who are living with cancer. To learn more about Daffodil Month or to make a larger gift, visit **cancer.ca/daffodil**.

DON'T FACE IT ALONE

The Canadian Cancer Society's free Cancer Information Service helps patients and families feel informed and supported.

The way Canadians consume health information has evolved over the years. Twenty years ago, when the Canadian Cancer Society launched its Cancer Information Service, inquires came by phone, with staff answering questions and mailing out brochures to patients and their families. Nowadays, people send email and access the Society's website, cancer.ca, which is jam-packed with anything you ever wanted to know about cancer.

The demand for cancer information is poised to climb even higher as the country's aging population drives an expected surge in cancer cases. A new survey commissioned by the Canadian Cancer Society shows that nearly half of all Canadians have sought out information about cancer, with 85 per cent first turning to the internet. Two-thirds said their online searches left them feeling overwhelmed and stressed out.

"Facing cancer is hard. People have many worries and questions during what may be the most stressful time in their lives or the lives of a loved one," says Laura Burnett, director of the Canadian Cancer Society's information and support programs. "It's easy to become overwhelmed. Don't face cancer alone. Instead, we urge people to contact our free Cancer Information Service."

CANCER INFORMATION SERVICE CLIENT FLYNN DEHAMILTON/ **CONTRIBUTED**

Since 1996, the Canadian Cancer Society has answered more than 1.2 million questions from people all over the country. Flynn deHamilton called the Cancer Information Service after a close friend's mother was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer.

"My friend really needed support and I personally didn't know how to give her the support she needed," says the Oakville, Ontario native. "The Cancer Information Specialist answered all my questions and even referred me to some helpful services right in our community."

Jennifer Wiernikowski also knows the value of the service and has recommended it to many of her patients. Wiernikowski is a nurse practitioner at the Juravinski Cancer Centre in Hamilton and member of the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology.

"I encourage all my patients and their families to call the Cancer Information Service," says Wiernikowski. "This service is a trusted source of information and support. The staff take as much time as needed to make sure people get all of their questions answered, even the ones they didn't even know they should ask."

To contact the Cancer Information Service, call 1-888-939-3333 or visit cancer.ca.

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Love and honour

Show your support for people living with cancer.

We often feel helpless when a loved one is diagnosed or passes away from cancer. We want to do something but often don't know where to begin. In this struggle, even the simplest gestures can have a huge effect on funding research and letting people living with cancer know that they are not alone. Here are ways you can help:

1. BUY DAFFODILS

Since the 1950s, the Canadian Cancer Society's sale of daffodils has come to stand for strength and courage in the fight against cancer. Money raised through these efforts funds life-saving research and support programs such as rides to treatment. Daffodils are available at retail locations, including Loblaws, Zehrs, Valu-mart, Real Canadian Superstore and Your Independent Grocer store locations across Ontario. For every bunch or pot of flowers sold, $2 will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

2. WEAR A DAFFODIL PIN

Proudly show your support for those living with cancer by purchasing and wearing the symbolic pin. Wearing the daffodil pin shows the world that you stand in solidarity with people living with cancer. Pins will be sold by volunteers from March 31 to April 3 and April 7 to 10 and are also available at retail partners such as the LCBO.

3. PARTICIPATE

This April, workplaces across the province are painting themselves yellow to fundraise in support of Daffodil Month by hosting bake sales, dress-yellow days or desk-decorating contests. To learn more or register your workplace, visit cancer.ca/yellow.

PLANNING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Advances in treatment are changing lives for people affected by cancer.

Canada's population is growing — and people are living longer. These two factors are expected to drive a 40 per cent jump in the number of cancer cases in the country by 2030.

As Canada's largest national cancer charity, the Canadian Cancer Society is working hard to ensure it can meet the forecasted surge in demand for the vital support programs it provides to patients and their families, while also continuing to invest in the best cancer research.

"Supporting Daffodil Month has never been more urgent," says Dr. Katie Wright, senior manager of Research Communications for the Canadian Cancer Society in Ontario. "In buying a daffodil pin, you will be saving lives and helping people who are living with cancer now and in the future."

Continued advances in treatment have helped survival rates increase significantly, to more than 60 per cent today compared with 25 per cent in the 1940s. Yet two in five Canadians will face a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime. Cancer is not a single disease: It is actually more than 200 different diseases.

Thanks to the generous support of donors, the Canadian Cancer Society is the leading charitable funder of research into most types of cancer, including common cancers such as lung and colorectal and rarer forms such as pediatric and pancreatic.

The charity also funds clinical trials that test new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer at more than 80 hospitals across the country. There are Canadian Cancer Society-supported clinical trials at every regional cancer centre in Ontario. These trials look at things like testing new and existing drugs in different forms of cancer, testing new combinations of existing drugs, and testing different doses and schedules of radiation therapy. They also test strategies to prevent cancer or the recurrence of cancer, and ways to improve quality of life of patients.

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

My date had a poppy seed in her teeth during breakfast, but I didn't say anything in case I embarrassed her. Should I have said something?

Dear Ellen,

I was on a date recently, with a woman I met online. Actually it was the morning after, and it was breakfast. She had a poppy seed from a bagel stuck in her teeth, which was really noticeable, but I didn't say anything in case I embarrassed her. Then I thought, if she notices it in the mirror later, she'll be embarrassed anyway. Should I have said something?

R.D., Edmonton

Dear R.D.,

Your letter, like so many letters I get, raises all kinds of questions that may or may not have to do with etiquette — but which are fascinating nonetheless.

For example, you say you were on a "date," but I think we may fairly assume you had a night of sex that led to a "morning after." To some people, that might qualify as a relationship already. Others might call it a one-night stand. Your use of the rather quaint word "date" puts the encounter somewhere between the two.

You also fail to indicate whether it was a first date, or the 20th time you've been out with this person, and — if closer to the latter — at what point sexual congress began.

Finally, you specify that you "met online." It makes me wonder whether you approach online dates differently from IRL setups. Should one? Hmm, if the dates are being arranged via Ashley Madison or a BDSM site, then perhaps one should.

You should always say something when your companion has food in their teeth. ... The trick is to do it quickly and jovially.

What exactly is your relationship with this person? It's all very confusing.

Not the etiquette part. That's easy. The answer is yes, you should always say something when your companion has food in their teeth, or something hanging out of their nose, or their shirt buttons are gaping open to expose a brassiere, or they have a wire coat hanger dangling off the belt of their jacket, which I once had to point out to a roommate as she raced off to a job interview. I noticed the hanger as she ran out the door, and called out to her: "Stop! Come back!" This made her miss her bus, be late for the interview, and not get the job, which she still blames me for. But I maintain that if she showed up with the hanger on her belt, she wouldn't have got the job anyway.

Are there any exceptions to this rule? Yes, if you meet the Queen of England and she has food in her teeth, you may safely assume she has enough advisors around her to deal with the situation, and save yourself the trouble and discomfort of pointing it out. The same goes with dictators, muggers or your boss during a performance review. Whilst at the mercy of someone who has the power to end your life or career, it is acceptable to put your own social comfort before theirs.

In your encounter with your date, however, mentioning the poppy seed as soon as you noticed it would have been the considerate thing to do. To minimize embarrassment for either of you, the trick is to do it quickly and jovially (as if it's a funny, cute thing), and not in a low, embarrassed murmur (as if it's a horrifying, shameful thing).

And then, R.D., get on with your date, or relationship, or online hookup, or whatever it is you are doing with this woman, just so long as you continue to do so with good manners.

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Rob Ford's dismal LGBT record needs to be remembered

Rob Salerno
For Metro

It's not surprising that in the wake of Rob Ford's death, commentators from all corners are rushing to forgive or explain away the former mayor's many personal failings.

But while pundits have occasionally contorted themselves into logical pretzels to explain away Ford's casual racism and misogyny — "He was just drunk!" "He always fights for the little guy!" — none has ever been able to explain away his deliberate and calculated anti-LGBT statements and actions.

Ford never hid anti-LGBT animus. From his earliest days on council, when he opposed funding small grants to diversity and AIDS-prevention campaigns, he made it explicit that his opposition stemmed from disgust with LGBT people, not from a desire to protect the public purse.

"I have no problem giving money out to physically or mentally handicapped children or seniors, but spending $5,000 on this video is disgusting," Ford said of an educational video about homosexuality in the South Asian community in 2001.

"If you're not doing needles and you're not gay, you won't get AIDS, probably," is another Ford classic that reveals not only shocking ignorance about AIDS, but a cavalier attitude toward the lives of gays and (ironically) drug users.

As mayor, Ford's opposition to the existence of LGBT people in the city intensified. The dispiriting annual game of will-he-or-won't-he-march-in-Pride provided his allies with a convenient set of excuses — it was about the city money given to Pride, and besides, he was spending time with his family — but through four years in office, he systematically avoided any opportunity to meet with the LGBT community in an official capacity.

When the city protocol office decided to raise the Pride flag at city hall during the 2014 Sochi Olympics to support LGBT Russians and athletes, Ford protested loudly and demanded it come down. Later that year, he made it a point to remain seated as council stood to congratulate the success of World Pride.

Beyond these symbolic gestures, Ford cast the lone vote on council against a report that recommended increased supports for homeless LGBT youth.

Ford's homophobia wasn't just a private matter, either. His "Nation" included a contingent of homophobes who ate up his provocations and responded with occasional violence toward LGBT people.

While the community stood firm and fought back, Ford's campaign to diminish the lives and dignity of LGBT people in Toronto should not be forgotten.

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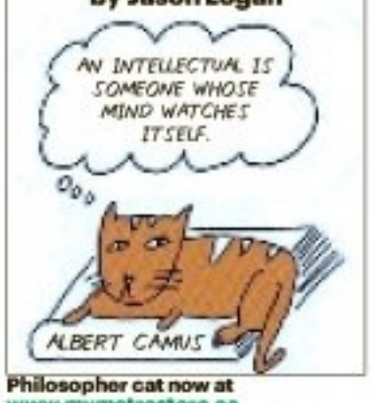

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Juno menu hits all the right notes

Bass is Base Juno-award winning artist Roger Mooking is the first celebrity chef to curate the food for for the 2016 Juno Gala Dinner & Awards with his exclusive three-course meal for Canada's music elite. Mooking's multicultural influences are reflected in the appetizer and signature Juno week drinks shared here **RECIPES COURTESY ROGER MOOKING**

STEP ONE

Spiced croutes

Yield: 4 servings

- Sidewalk Citizen Staple sourdough loaf
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp sweet paprika
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/4 tsp sea salt
- 1 1/2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 350F. Slice sourdough loaf widthwise into 1/2-inch thick slices. Mix all ingredients together and using a pastry brush, distribute mixture on 4 slices of sourdough. Toast bread in oven 6 minutes. Let cool on baking tray.

STEP TWO

Slow roasted Sunset Campari tomatoes

Preheat oven to 350F. Toss whole Sunset Campari tomatoes gently with olive oil, salt and pepper. Bake in oven for 16 minutes. Cool on baking tray until room temperature. Store gently until service as they are meant to be blistered but intact for service.

Chef Roger Mooking.
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STEP THREE

Roasted garlic

- 12 garlic cloves, peeled
- olive oil
- salt and pepper
- 1/2 tsp water

Preheat oven to 350F. Toss garlic cloves with olive oil, salt, pepper and water. Place garlic cloves on prepared baking sheet and cover tightly with aluminium foil. Bake for 45 minutes or until cloves are tender. Let cool on baking tray.

STEP FOUR

Nuh Gana dressing

Yield: 6-8 servings

- 1 red sweet pepper, roasted, peeled and deveined
- 8 cloves of roasted garlic
- 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 Tbsp white wine vinegar

Combine all ingredients in a high speed blender and puree until smooth.

STEP FIVE

Salad mix **Yield: 2 servings**

- 2 cups Loosely Packed Baby Kale
- 2 cups Loosely Packed Baby Arugula
- 1/2 cup Torn Fresh Basil Leaves
- 2 cups Torn Boston Bib Lettuce

Gently toss ingredients together to combine.

WHISKEY COCKTAIL

Cool With That – Brett Kissel

- 2 oz J.P. Wiser's
- 1/2 oz McGuinness simple syrup or homemade
- 3/4 oz fresh lemon
- 1/4 oz grenadine
- Garnish: lemon zest

Method: Combine the ingredients in a cocktail shaker, add ice and shake hard until well blended and chilled for about 5 to 6 seconds. Fine strain over ice in glass. Squeeze a lemon zest across the drink to release the oils, give it a twist and place it in the drink.

THE JUNO GALA DINNER MENU

Tomato Surprise
***Baby Greens & Sunset Campari Bomb** — Boston, Basil, Kale, Arugula, Sidewalk Citizen Spiced Croutes, Roasted Garlic Nuh Gana Dressing, Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Alberta Love
Blackened Canadian Rangeland Bison Tenderloin & Chimichurri — Parmesan Crushed Fingerlings, Grilled Lemon & Chili Oil Baby Bok Choy
***Herbed Mushroom Toast** — Sidewalk Citizen Sourdough, Parmesan Crushed Fingerlings, Grilled Lemon & Chili Oil Baby Bok Choy

Cracked Caramel & Brownies
***Cup O' Coffee & Brownies** — Chocolate Brownie Chunks, Phil & Sebastian Espresso Mousse, Sautéed Banana, Cracked Caramel

** indicates vegetarian option*

VODKA COCKTAIL

Downtown – The Sheepdogs

- 1 oz Polar Ice
- 1 oz Lillet Blanc
- 2 oz fresh grapefruit
- Garnish: wedge of grapefruit

Method: Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker, add ice and shake until well-blended for about 5 to 6 seconds and fine strain into ice filled rocks glass and garnish with wedge of grapefruit.

This salmon salad is pretty in pink

RECIPE

A light and herby option for warmer weather

This salmon pasta salad serves six. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nothing quite tastes of spring like a salmon salad.

It's light and pretty and herby, and when you add pasta it becomes a real meal. It's also quite portable, so you'll want to think of this when you're envisioning lunch at your desk the next day, or when you're invited to a pot-luck event.

And talk about easy to make. Poach the salmon. Boil the pasta. Puree dressing. Dump everything together and you're good. You can speed chill the salmon by popping it in the freezer for a few minutes.

But if you have more time, you certainly could poach the salmon the night before and refrigerate it until ready. Likewise, the pasta also could be cooled briefly in the freezer, spread in an even layer on a rimmed baking sheet (or similarly prepped the day before).

Some people really, really love cilantro, and some people really, really hate it. It's actually a genetic thing. For some people, it tastes soapy or otherwise unpleasant.

So this recipe — with its creamy cilantro dressing — clearly is for the lovers, and not the dish to make if you're not sure about your audience. But if you'd rather lose the cilantro, feel free to substitute fresh basil.

Pasta salad with salmon and creamy cilantro dressing

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 2-lb salmon fillet, bones removed
- Kosher salt
- 1 lb cavatelli or elbow pasta

For the cilantro sauce:

- 1 cup fresh cilantro leaves, plus extra to garnish
- 1/4 cup minced shallots
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt (or another 1/4 cup mayonnaise)
- 2 Tbsp heavy cream
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- Ground black pepper

Directions:

1. Set the salmon in a large sauté pan. If needed, cut the salmon into 2 pieces. Add cold water to just cover.

2. Season with 2 teaspoons salt, then bring to a boil. Immediately turn off the heat, cover the pot and let the salmon sit for 10 minutes. After 10 minutes, transfer the salmon to a plate and set in the freezer to cool.

3. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions, then drain. Rinse under cold water to cool. Set aside to drain.

4. Meanwhile, in a food processor or blender combine the cilantro, shallots, Dijon, mayonnaise, yogurt, cream and cayenne. Puree until smooth, then season with salt and pepper.

5. When the salmon is chilled, remove the skin, if necessary, and break the flesh into bite-sized chunks.

6. In a large bowl, combine the pasta, cilantro sauce and salmon, then toss gently to combine. Garnish with additional cilantro leaves.

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LIQUID ASSETS

Would a grape by another name still be as tempting?

Does spelling count when it comes to wine? Wine crafter Thierry & Guy seems to think so. While the name may not ring a bell, it gave birth to the Fat Bastard family of wines that have become some of the most popular juice on the planet.

Following a recent trend in labeling nomenclature, Fat Bastard has abandoned the use of the varietal Shiraz in favour of Syrah, its original French spelling.

No matter how you print it, both names refer to the same grape with classic Shiraz pouring a ripe, berry-forward flavour and Syrah a much darker, spicier complexity.

Appealingly drinkable, the 2014 Fat Bastard Syrah ($13.99 - 15.99) hints at both sides of the grapes personality; offering a touch of black pepper with balanced flow of bright red fruit that celebrates its Mediterranean-influenced origins in southern France.

My question is, does the way a winemaker spells its grape choice influence what you buy? Is Syrah more appealing to you than Shiraz? Tweet me @therealwineguy.

PETER ROCKWELL/FOR METRO

ROSE REISMAN THE SAVVY EATER

THIS WEEK: Ice cream

There's nothing more satisfying or comforting than a scoop of ice cream, but the pint you pick matters!

PICK THIS

Nestle Parlour Chocolate Peanut Butter Frozen Treat 1/2 cup

Calories 110
Fat 4g
Sugar 14g

SKIP THIS

Haagen-Dazs Chocolate Peanut Butter Ice Cream 1/2 cup

Calories 380
Fat 26g
Sugar 26g

HERE'S WHY

Equivalent to as much fat as a Harvey's Original Hamburger with cheese, ketchup, mustard, relish, lettuce, tomato and pickles.

A scoop of your favourite frozen dessert should always be considered a treat, but the creamy taste of the premium ice cream Haagen-Dazs is an extra indulgence. Haagen-Dazs is made with the best ingredients, including cream and egg yolks. However, the trade-off for calories and fat isn't worth it. If you're a big fan of the sweet stuff, stick to Parlour. You can get a similar flavour with a third of the calories, half the sugar and 6.5 times less fat.

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4 GRILLED CHEESE TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Not that there needs to be a reason to celebrate, but April is National Grilled Cheese Month and Canada makes some of the best cheese (and bread) in the world. So if you're going to make a grilled cheese, treat the ingredients with respect. We got you covered, from the scientifically proven way to make the best cheese toast to three more adventurous flavour combinations. Trust us, it's gonna be Gouda. **PHOTOS AND TEXT BY TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

1 The scientifically proven perfect cheese toast

In an unexpected example of corporate synergy, the 175-year-old Royal Society of Chemistry, a U.K.-based non-profit of international chemical scientists, and the British Cheese Board came up with the formula for creating the perfect slice of cheese toast in August 2013. Head chemist Ruth Neale described the perfect slice thusly:

"As the result of tests we carried out in our Chemistry Centre kitchen, we found that the perfect slice can be made by melting 50 g of sliced hard cheese, such as cheddar, on a slice of white bread, 10 mm thick, under the grill. The cheese on toast should sit at a distance of 18 cm from the heat source — which in our grill was at a temperature of 115C — and needs to cook for four minutes to achieve the perfect consistency and taste."

Here's what it means for non-scientists:

Step 1: Put 50 grams of medium sharp cheddar on a slice of 1-cm-thick white sandwich bread.

Step 2: Place bread on a lined pan in the oven. Make sure the bread is 18 cm under the heating element.

Step 3: Broil for four minutes at 240F (115C), or the low setting (our cheese didn't start bubbling until the seven-minute mark, since oven temperatures can vary depending on the make and model).

Step 4: Eat it.

Verdict: Never doubt science. The slice of cheese was smaller than the slice of bread but once it melted, the gooey cheese melted perfectly to reach the four corners of the slice. I thought that the bread would be too thin, since a regular slice of Wonder Bread is thicker than 1 cm but it acted as the perfect vehicle for the cheese. The bread was crisp but not burnt so it didn't overshadow the flavour of the bubbly cheese. While turning on the broiler and breaking out the digital scale to measure cheese is a big production for toast, it is good to know of the potential deliciousness that could be had.

2 Zythologue and Apple Curry

Fans of a more pungent cheese should try this sandwich pairing by Toronto's Roncesvalles neighbourhood beloved fromagerie Thin Blue Line. **Makes 1 sandwich.**

Ingredients
- 2 thick slices sourdough
- Room temperature salted butter
- 3/4 cup grated Zythologue or raclette
- 1 Tbsp apple curry chutney or any fruit-based chutney

Directions

1. Butter both sides of bread. Sprinkle one slice with cheese and chutney and sandwich other bread slice on top.

2. Grill on a skillet over medium heat on both sides until bread is golden brown and cheese has melted. Serve immediately.

3 Beijing Grilled Cheese

Cheesewerks, the Toronto grilled cheese restaurant, has an eclectic menu and owner Kevin Durkee suggests making his Beijing grilled cheese where Asiago is paired with Chinese barbecue pork, yep, the kind you get in Chinatown. **Makes 1 sandwich.**

Ingredients
- Room temperature unsalted butter, for buttering bread
- 2 thick slices herb and onion sourdough, or plain sourdough
- 1 cup shredded Asiago
- 6 thin slices Chinese barbecue pork
- 2 green onion shoots, thinly sliced
- Hoisin sauce, to taste

Directions

1. Butter outside sides of bread. Layer one slice with pulled pork, cheddar and cucumber. Add mustard. Top with other slice of bread.

2. On a grill pan over medium heat, sear sandwich for 4 minutes on each side until cheese has melted. Cut sandwich in half and serve immediately.

4 Strawberry Compote and Mascarpone on Brioche

For a sweet take on cheese toast, Toronto cheese mecca Cheese Boutique owner Afrim Pristine would spread creamy mascarpone and tart strawberry compote on a buttery brioche.
Makes 2 brioches.

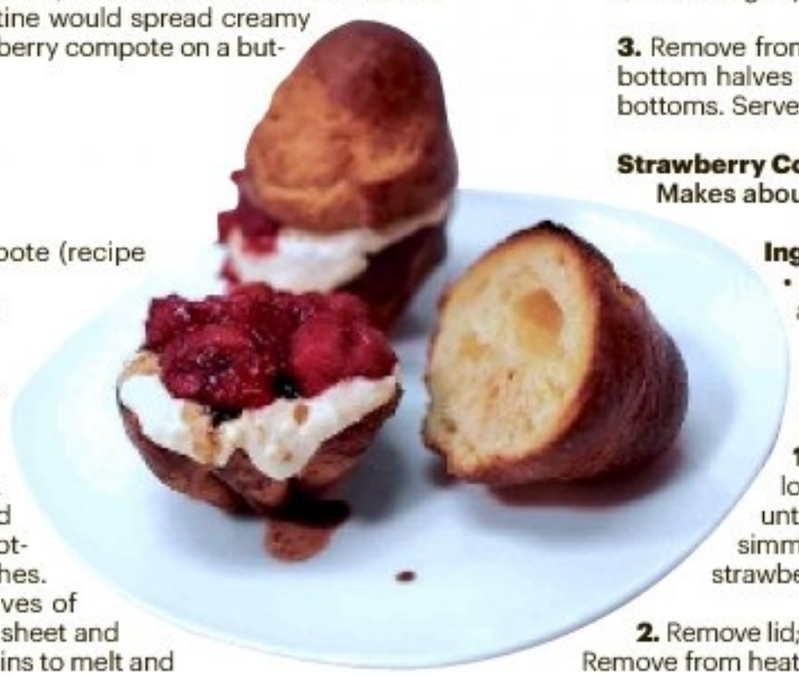
Ingredients
- 2 small brioche buns
- 2 Tbsp mascarpone
- 1/4 cup strawberry compote (recipe follows)
- Balsamic vinegar, to taste

Directions

1. Preheat oven or toaster oven to 350 F.

2. Slice brioche buns in half. Spread mascarpone and strawberry compote on bottom halves of both brioches. Place bottom and top halves of brioches on a lined baking sheet and bake until mascarpone begins to melt and bread is slightly toasted, about 3 to 5 minutes.

3. Remove from oven. Drizzle balsamic vinegar on bottom halves of brioches. Place brioche tops on bottoms. Serve immediately.



Strawberry Compote
Makes about 1/4 cup strawberry compote.

Ingredients
- 1 cup strawberries, tops removed and quartered
- 2 tsp granulated sugar
- 2 tsp lemon juice

Directions

1. In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, add all ingredients and stir until sugar has dissolved. Bring to a slow simmer. Cover and continue to cook until strawberries become dark and syrupy.

2. Remove lid; stir occasionally to prevent burning. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature.

Feeling lonely? Rent a friend

WEBSITE

Meet the people who get paid to hang out as pals

Ryan Porter
Torstar News Service

Cassandra Lemon, 22, was connected with Toronto Star reporter Ryan Porter through the site RentaFriend.com. He paid her $10 per hour to hang out at the Painted Lady bar in Toronto.
J.P. MOCZULSKI/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In '80s teen movies, when someone pays for friendship, they're usually about to learn a valuable lesson about how priceless true friendship really is. Priceless, as in free, as in the same price of a Can't Buy Me Love VHS.

So I had steeled myself for a karmic comeuppance when I first met Cassandra Lemon, a 22-year-old social-work student, kitchen staff member at iQ Food Co. and professional friend-for-hire.

This was in spite of encouraging early evidence. Lemon had cheerfully embraced the idea of attending a showcase of breaking bands at the Painted Lady, a bar on Ossington Ave., earlier this month when I contacted her through RentaFriend.com. The site arranges platonic hangouts at an hourly rate, plus a $24.95 U.S. monthly membership fee.

Though she usually asks for $20 to $25 an hour, Lemon happily agreed to accept $10 an hour in exchange for a free night out. Arriving 10 minutes early, dressed in a simple black T-shirt, smoky-eye makeup beneath her glasses and a necklace strung with the symbol from video game Assassin's Creed, Lemon nodded along as I made conversation, fixing me with a sympathetic, unblinking gaze.

> **If I have nothing to do and I'm bored at home, why not, right? It gets me out of the house.**
> Rina Czerniawska, friend-for-hire

This was the 15th or 16th time she had met someone through Rent-A-Friend since joining four years ago, and the results had been drastically mixed. She describes one man she met for a drink as "too angry" — she politely excused herself early in the evening.

Another, in town for a meeting, invited her to the theatrical horsemanship showcase Cavalia. He got lost along the way and, frustrated that her phone was too old to receive photos of the surrounding landmarks, took her straight to the Apple Store and bought her an iPhone.

"I was really uncomfortable," she says. "I was incredibly grateful the whole day, like, thank you so much!"

Another guy asked her to accompany him to a wedding. "He didn't want any more, 'Why aren't you seeing anybody?'" she says. At the last minute, he cancelled.

Before meeting anyone, she sets ground rules to ensure it's understood just what kind of friend-for-hire she is.

"I'm not OK with hand holding," she says. "I'm OK with sitting next to you. We'll see, maybe a hug at the end. . . . For me, I'm not even going to get in your car."

Despite RentAFriend.com's goal of connecting people with friends, finding Lemon wasn't easy; of the 14 professionally social people I contacted, only half responded and most shirked press coverage of their side gig.

The people we reached include Parker, a 25-year-old filmmaker who joined the site last year as research for a screenplay, though he was never "rented." On the other end of the spectrum: Natasha, whose fee was "100/hr, with a 300 minimum."

I chatted with Rina Czerniawska, a 42-year-old waitress who has been on the site for six weeks. She'd gone out once, to see a horror movie with a guy whose friends don't follow the genre. "You get to meet people," she says, a shrug in her voice. "If I have nothing to do and I'm bored at home, why not, right? It gets me out of the house."

While Czerniawska is up for new experiences, she turned down a request from a woman who wanted her to meet at Ossington Station every morning at 8:15 a.m. to make sure she made it to work. It's the only story I heard about a woman trying to rent a friend. Lemon says all of her messages have been from men.

Ironically, Lemon has been using some of that extra Rent-A-Friend income to go out alone: she's gone to see arena acts such as Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran and Ariana Grande solo.

We pause to listen to Color Film, an indie-rock guitarist from Hamilton. I worry that Lemon can't see. I worry that the noise is overpowering the music for her the way it is for me. I worry about if she is having fun.

Though Lemon is nothing but upbeat about the experience, if there's any moral to the Rent-A-Friend story, I decide, it's this: If I'm going to make anyone suffer through an unknown rock band, I would rather it be with someone who I'm already comfortable not having fun with.

JOBS BRIEF

Be ready for off-the-wall interview questions

Here are some of the top oddball job interview questions in Canada for the past year, according to a study by the jobs and recruiting company Glassdoor.

1. **"What was the last thing you Googled?"** Tim Hortons Leadership Development Program job candidate in Oakville, Ont.
2. **"Which Game of Thrones character do you like most?"** Bench Accounting Associate job candidate in Toronto.
3. **"If you could sit next to one person on a transcontinental flight, who would it be?"** Salesforce Sales Representative job candidate in Toronto.
4. **"How do you calculate the number of red cars in a city?"** Manulife Actuarial Associate job candidate in Toronto.
5. **"If you were a utensil, which one would you be and why?"** Jack Astor's Cocktail Server job candidate in Kingston, Ont.

Cersei from Game of Thrones HANDOUT

FASHION

I'm a grown woman, and I went bananas over a handbag

Irene Kuan
Metro | Canada

I'm a level-headed, mature woman, but for a few minutes on the morning of March 29, I turned into a hyper-crazed, foaming-at-the-mouth maniac — for a handbag.

Touted as the bag to have by the international fashion gods, the black bucket bag with the red "flamma" interior by the little-known, yet notoriously hard-to-get brand Mansur Gavriel, has been on my must-have list for more than a year. I've never managed to snag one, though, and I seethe with jealousy whenever I see a woman carrying one.

Mansur Gavriel, an American fashion house founded by designing duo Rachel Mansur and Floriana Gavriel, came to the attention of the media in 2013, and has continued to make a bigger splash on the fashion scene with each new collection, including at the latest New York fashion week in February.

> **I needed this bag. I didn't care about the cost, or my composure.**

Called the first post-recession "it" bag by Business of Fashion in early 2015, Mansur Gavriel's bucket bag has reached such cult status that the company headed to court earlier this month to fight back against copycats.

I needed this bag. I didn't care about the cost, or my composure. I was obsessed.

I counted down the minutes to 11 a.m. EST, PayPal account logged in and credit cards in hand. I had my boyfriend and a friend on standby in case anything went wrong (if you've tried buying a Mansur Gavriel online in the past, you'll know what I'm talking about).

Everything went wrong.

Metro's Irene Kuan scored not one, but two coveted Mansur Gavriel bags. HANDOUT

My black bucket bag was in the shopping cart, but my credit card was declined over and over again. Seconds ticked by as the "sold out" slash marks began appearing over each sought-after bag.

My heart began to sink, but then my friend texted. She got one! Then my boyfriend — he got one too!

So now I have not just one but TWO Mansur Gavriel bags. Price tag for both: $1,250 US.

Had I gone bananas?

Maybe I fell for the genius way the fashion brand marketed their product, playing up the small-batch, high-quality production of the Italian-made bags, teasing us for weeks with the tiny, online sales window.

But then I looked at Mansur Gavriel's Facebook page, as it filled up with angry comments from throngs of disappointed shoppers.

See, it is THAT hard to get, I thought. And I got not one, but TWO. Score.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

The crazy joy of a show's fresh characters

THE SHOW: The Characters, Season 1, Episode 5 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: Basic Bitch

Natasha Rothwell's characters stand out in The Characters. CONTRIBUTED

In a mock-music-video, comedian Natasha Rothwell (the writer/star of this episode) and friends stride the New York streets, celebrating how basic they are.

"We love scented candles and we cry on the train," they rap, fists pumping. "We're hashtag blessed cause we drink champagne. We read our horoscopes and chug Two Buck Chuck. We rock granny panties cause we don't give a f—."

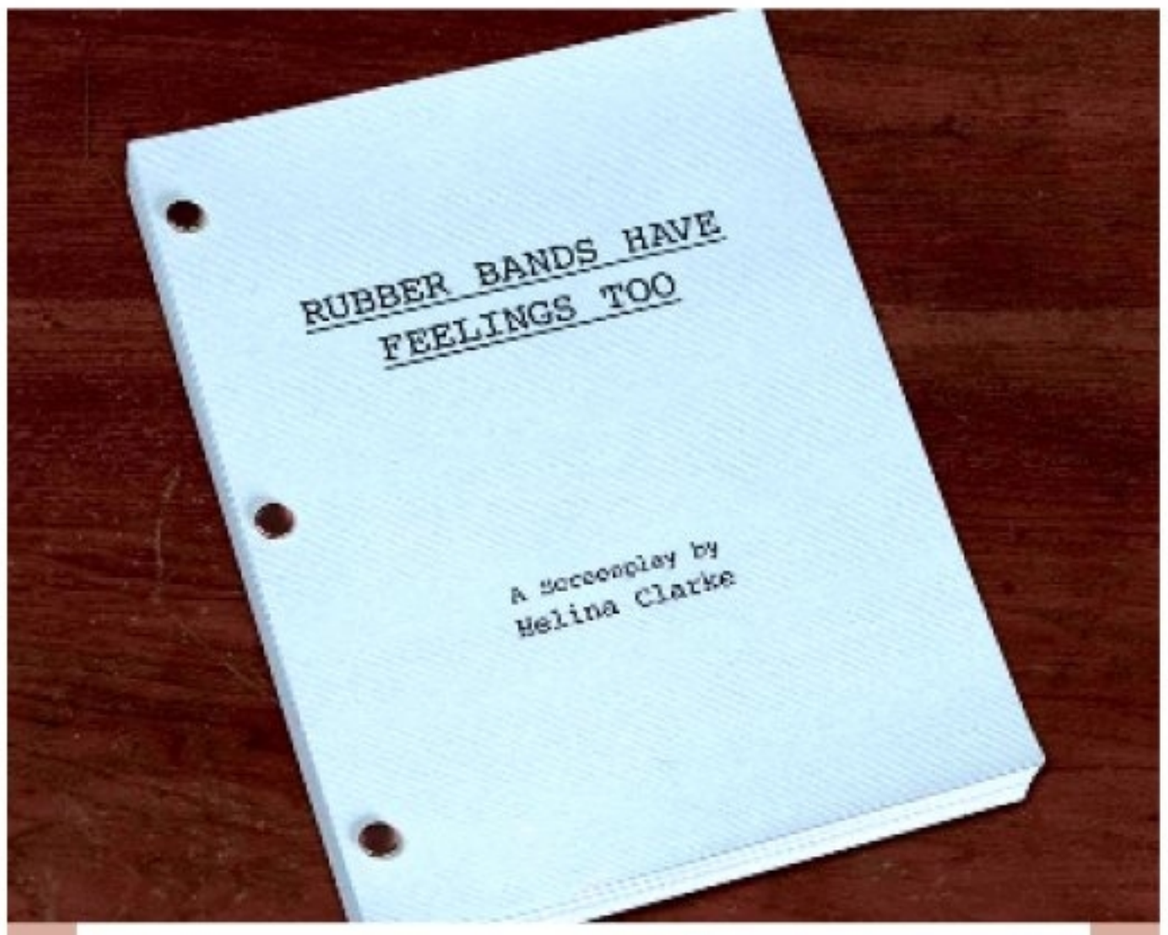
As granny panties rain from the sky, they sing the chorus: "I'm a basic basic basic bitch, I got a vision board on Pinterest. I'm a basic basic basic bitch, if there's karaoke, I'm singing Taylor Swift."

In this omnibus series, six almost-famous performers get a half-hour each to strut their stuff. Most of them string together skits, and several are clever: John Early (episode 2) is convincing as a groomzilla, and I loved Paul Downs (episode 6) as a book agent for The Bible ("I have a couple of editing ideas. Just suggestions, not commandments"). Mainly the comedians skewer narcissists — a worthwhile target, if an easy one.

That's why, for me, Rothwell's characters stand out. They have a crazy joy that feels fresh.

Take a look at "Tanisha," an obnoxious child who schools her mom's coworkers. Hair in twin poufs, upper lip sore from a permanently runny nose, she advises one, "Your task is not to seek love, but to find the barriers within yourself that you have built up against it," then cries, "My kingdom for a juice box." She's a character I'd like to meet again.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



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This paint job is fit for a superhero

ONLINE

Calgary artist transforms herself into Man of Steel

Kay Pike stands in front of a giant lit mirror, dabs her brush into a glob of paint and touches it to her skin.

She'll repeat the motion thousands of times over the next 12 hours as she transforms herself from a willowy blond artist to the dark-haired Man of Steel for a throng of internet viewers.

Pike is a fan of cosplay in which participants wear costumes and fashion accessories to represent a specific character from anime, comic books and cartoons, video games or movies.

Twice a week, the 28-year-old spends up to 15 hours turning her body into a different character for an Internet audience.

"I've been painting my whole life.

"It kind of comes easily to me, but it's a lot of practice and hard work too," Pike said in an interview at her studio in northwest Calgary.

She posted a video of her first solo effort on Reddit and it caught the attention of Twitch.tv, a live-streaming company in San Francisco.

"One week later I was live streaming body paint on Twitch."

Pike started in December at KayPikeFashion and already has 163,000 followers on Instagram (@kaypikefashion).

She receives a little advertising money, but relies more on donations from viewers to offset her costs and from Patreon.com, a crowdfunding site for artists.

There is also cash from her fashion line, which she sells at comic conventions, as well as appearance fees.

"It's like small income from a lot of different places that add up to a mortgage payment." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kay Pike begins her videos like this, then spends up to 15 hours transforming herself into comic characters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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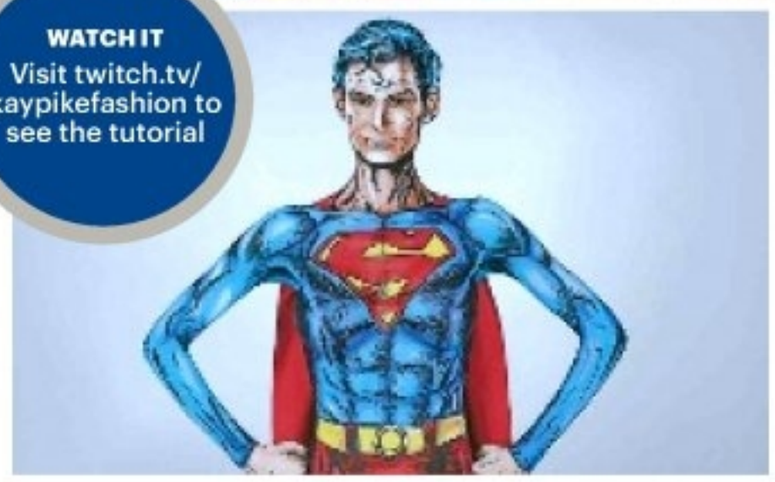

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Imperfect — but maybe perfect for you

ROAD TESTED

REVIEW

Rogue great for cruising, but acceleration is sluggish

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

When you're shopping, there is no perfect vehicle. Instead, it comes down to measuring the pros and cons — what you love, what you don't, and what you can live with — to come up with the right one.

That's what I did with the Nissan Rogue. There are some things it could certainly do better, but overall, I could live with this little trucklet.

It was completely redesigned back in 2014, a makeover that solved its interior-space inadequacies, especially the cramped rear seat.

It's now quite roomy inside despite its compact exterior dimensions.

You can even get a third row of seats, although I've never tried squeezing into one and don't imagine it would be pleasant.

My two-row version included a configurable cargo tray that can be lifted to hide valuables, dropped to accommodate taller items, or flipped up to keep grocery bags from sliding around.

The Rogue uses a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, mated strictly to an automatic continuously-variable transmission (CVT).

Its performance is fine once you're at cruising speed, but acceleration to get there is noisy and sluggish.

The ride is quiet and smooth, but I'd like more steering feel. All-wheel drive, optional on the two lower trim levels and standard on the top-line SL, primarily runs the front wheels but sends power to the rear ones when needed.

It can also be locked 50/50 at low speeds to get out of snow or mud.

There's a wide step over the sill. Once you're inside, the seats are very comfortable. And I love this: the seatbelt adjuster slides down farther than on anything else I've ever driven, so it doesn't choke shorter drivers.

> **I love this: the seatbelt adjuster slides down farther than on anything else I've ever driven, so it doesn't choke shorter drivers.**

The Rogue's starting price of $24,948 puts it mid-range with most competitors. My tester was the new SV Special trim, a version of the mid-range SV but $1,000 less since it lacks the SV's panoramic sunroof — a nice alternative if, like me, you want creature comforts but don't care for a glass top.

It's all part of choosing the vehicle that isn't perfect, but is ideal for you.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 NISSAN ROGUE

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger compact SUV
Engines (hp/torque). 2.5-litre four-cylinder (170/175)
Transmissions. Continuously variable (CVT)
Price. $24,948 - $35,548; as-tested $29,548 (plus destination)

COOL FEATURES

- Configurable cargo compartment
- Sliding and reclining second-row seats
- Satellite radio
- Available blind spot warning and emergency braking
- Easy-Fill tire pressure system
- Hill start assist
- Available power liftgate

ROGUE PHOTOS JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO; ALL OTHERS HANDOUT

POINTS

- The rear-view camera has a limited view and is mainly for judging curbs when parking; the bird's-eye camera on higher trims is far superior.
- The Rogue has been in the top-ten list of best-selling SUVs and light trucks in Canada for 19 consecutive months.

MARKET POSITION

Nissan offers the Rogue and Juke in the compact SUV/CUV segment. The Juke's more fun to drive, but it's smaller and its styling isn't to all tastes, leaving the Rogue to appeal to a more mainstream audience.

THE COMPETITION

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SUV as 'personal sanctuary'

Lincoln unveiled a concept version of its Navigator full-size SUV. FORD/CONTRIBUTED

LINCOLN NAVIGATOR SUV

Concept lighter, but still a behemoth

A spacious lounge on wheels.

That's Ford Motor Co.'s vision for the Lincoln Navigator SUV, due for its first major redesign in a decade. With help from actor and spokesman Matthew McConaughey, the brand unveiled a concept version of the vehicle recently at the New York International Auto Show.

The Navigator will drop some weight, helping fuel economy, but will still be a behemoth at more than 17-feet long. Executives say engineers took steps to erase what Navigator customers didn't like and accentuate what they did.

By watching customers, engineers found that people wanted to relax in their SUVs with less complexity. So they tried to create a "personal sanctuary" with large but supportive seats and a spacious feel. They made the dashboard less cluttered with only essential information such as vehicle speed on the display. Other information, such as the identity of a phone caller or a song on the radio, fades away after the first showing.

David Woodhouse, design director for the Lincoln brand, said they went for "a beautiful lounge-like space for the occupants."

Lincoln has largely missed the luxury big SUV boom that happened in part because of cheap gasoline. The brand sold only about 12,000 Navigators last year while its main competitor, General Motors' Cadillac brand, sold almost 36,000 Escalades. The Navigator, based on truck underpinnings, has been updated but not completely revamped since 2006.

Kumar Galhotra, president of the Lincoln brand, expects the new vehicle to capture a bigger chunk of the market now dominated by GM.

Galhotra wouldn't comment on expectations that the new Navigator will have an aluminum body like Ford F-150, which is 700 pounds lighter than the model it replaced.

The new model needs to be lighter to meet federal fuel economy standards. No gas mileage or weight figures for the new vehicle were released Wednesday.

The new Navigator will be smaller than the current extra-length version, but bigger than the standard model, which is 17.3 feet in length. The current standard model weighs 2.9 tons.

McConaughey made a short appearance on stage with executives, walking next to the Navigator and speaking briefly about it. Ford CEO Mark Fields attributed the brand's recent sales increases in part to McConaughey.

Second- and third-row passengers get video screens behind the headrests that are a foot wide. Drivers can show their faces on the screens and communicate with the back-seat passengers without turning around or yelling.

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What won't make it

One feature on the concept Navigator won't survive in the production version that comes late next year: huge gull-wing doors that cover the first two rows of seats. They're too heavy and tough to work in real life.

Actor Matthew McConaughey and Ford CEO Mark Fields introduced the Lincoln Navigator Concept. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hydrogen Hyundai in the works

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HYUNDAI

Kia may get on the H-train

Hyundai will launch a hydrogen-powered fuel-cell tall wagon by 2020, whose drivetrain and platform are likely to be used on a new compact Kia tall wagon, reports alternate-fuel webmag Green Car Reports. Sae-Hoon Kim, head of fuel-cell research for Hyundai and its Kia brand, said Hyundai is aiming for an 800-kilometre range, which would likely translate to around 640 kilometres on the more stringent U.S. testing cycle. It will replace the current Tucson Fuel Cell with its 425-kilometre range. It could achieve that in part by using bigger hydrogen tanks; the automaker expects to make efficiency gains through a dedicated platform, allowing engineers to properly build the body around the powertrain, making greater allowances for functions such as cooling.

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BUDD-E

Hippy van homage looks ahead

Volkswagen has opened a gateway to a possible electrified future with the zero-emission Budd-e minivan. It's a new-age tribute to the troubled brand's iconic '60s hippy van, the Volkswagen Bus. Due to bow in 2019, it's the first Volkswagen concept car based on a new Modular Electric Drive Kit. With electric four-wheel-drive it will have up to a 372 kilometre range.

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Denzel Valentine of Michigan State and Buddy Hield of Oklahoma were unanimous selections to the AP 2015-16 All-America team

IN SUNRISE, FLA. PANTHERS TRICKED BY KADRI'S STICK Maple Leafs centre Nazem Kadri gets to the puck first to score one of his three goals on Florida Panthers goalie Roberto Luongo on Tuesday. The Leafs topped the Atlantic Division-leading Panthers, 5-2. JOE SKIPPER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOXING

Chuvalo feted 50 years after Ali fight

Muhammad Ali has good and bad days in his battle with Parkinson's disease but memories of his first bout with Canadian George Chuvalo bring a sparkle to the legendary boxer's eye.

Former heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis headlined a testimonial dinner Tuesday night to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Chuvalo's first fight with Ali, then the world heavyweight champion. Chuvalo, the former Canadian heavyweight champ, went 15 rounds at Maple Leaf Gardens but couldn't wrest the title from "The Greatest."

The 74-year-old Ali, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1984, wasn't at the testimonial. Rasheda Ali attended on her father's behalf and said the Chuvalo bout will forever be a significant one to Ali.

"When I told him I'd be here to celebrate this anniversary, he was elated, his eyes lit up and he was excited that I was coming to take part and represent him," she said. "Because of the political events that were going on at that time, he was ostracized by a lot of individuals and people of power, especially our government.

"For Toronto to embrace him and George to have this fight I think it said a lot. And then he won and I think that said a lot for civil rights."

Ali and Chuvalo also fought in May 1972 in Vancouver. It went the full 12 rounds with Ali again securing a unanimous decision.

Ali said her father took Chuvalo lightly in their first meeting.

"I honestly have to say my dad was surprised at how tough George Chuvalo was," Ali said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former Boxer George Chuvalo was presented with an honorary "People's Champion" belt on Tuesday in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

No more tears: Moving on minus the playoffs

NHL

Seven Canadian cities lacking a certain buzz this spring

Pete Mahovlich cried.

He teared up after the last game of the 1969-70 season, when the Montreal Canadiens were eliminated from the playoffs. They finished fifth in the NHL's East Division with 92 points, 21 points up on the sixth-place Maple Leafs, but they lost a tiebreaker with the New York Rangers.

"I was devastated, really, really devastated," said Mahovlich, a big, scoring winger who is now a scout with the Florida Panthers. "I'll tell you why I cried. I had been with the Detroit Red Wings for three years, and they had not made the playoffs in those three years.

"So I got traded to Montreal, and in the very first year I got traded there, that was the first time they'd missed the playoffs in 20 years."

Few, least of all Mahovlich, could have seen it coming then. For the first time in NHL history, no Canadian team would participate in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

But everyone can see it happening this year, when no Canadian team will see the post-season for the second time. (Heading into Tuesday night's games, Ottawa was the last hope and that hope was hanging by a thread; the Senators were one loss or one Boston point from elimination.)

It shows you how fragile some of those teams can be.

Pete Mahovlich, noting that five Canadian teams made the playoffs last year.

It was a development predicted as early as January and feared by Sportsnet, the Canadian rights holder for playoff broadcasts. It became obvious at the trade deadline when the seven Canadian teams were sellers, more interested in high-draft positions than making a desperate run for the last wild-card spot.

The apathy across Canada, a supposedly hockey-mad country, has been palpable. Not only have ratings crashed, but on a recent Saturday night, U.S. college basketball's March Madness trended on Twitter ahead of anything emanating from the Hockey Night in Canada broadcast.

There is no sense of drama with the Canadian teams, unless your idea of drama is a turtle race to last place. Fans of one team actively cheer for their rival to win. Goodness knows what will happen when Edmonton plays Calgary later this week. Leafs fans were very happy to lose to Ottawa recently.

Today, with wild cards and the possibility of divisional cross-overs, truly the worst teams miss the playoffs. And seven of them are Canadian.

"Last year, five Canadian teams made (the playoffs)," Mahovlich said. "It shows you how fragile some of those teams can be when you have that many teams miss the playoffs after making the playoffs. Injuries play a part, there are so many factors that can set an organization back. It doesn't take much." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MMA IN BRIEF

UFC unveils Ottawa venue

The UFC has added six Canadian fighters to its June 18 card at The Arena at TD Place in Ottawa.

The the card's main event was previously announced — No. 1 welterweight contender Rory MacDonald against No. 2 Stephen Thompson — but the venue was not made public till Tuesday. Among the eight fights unveiled Tuesday, Toronto's Elias Theodorou (11-1-0) takes on U.S. middleweight Sam Alvey (25-7-0 with one no contest) and Toronto light-heavyweight Misha Cirkunov (11-2-0) looks for his third win in the UFC when he faces Moldovan newcomer Ion Cutelaba (11-1-0). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jones jailed on violation

Former UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones, who trains in Albuquerque, N.M., has been booked into the county jail for a probation violation stemming from traffic citations he received last week.

Jail records show he was being held Tuesday without bond. It was unclear when he will appear before a judge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gibbons delays decision

MLB

Manager says closer choice to be made Wednesday

John Gibbons has delayed selecting a closer between Drew Storen and Roberto Osuna.
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Among the handful of decisions left for Blue Jays manager John Gibbons before his team heads north for its annual two-game exhibition series in Montreal is who will be anointed the team's closer.

In one corner is the incumbent, Roberto Osuna, who last year as a rookie became the first 20-year-old since 1972 to earn 20 saves in a season. In the other is Drew Storen, the six-year veteran acquired in the off-season with 95 career saves to his name.

Gibbons initially said he would announce his choice after Tuesday's game, but when it was rained out after just two innings, he said he would hold off until Wednesday morning before the team wraps its Grapefruit League season in Fort Myers against the Red Sox.

"We looked at everything and tried to figure out what's going to make the team best," Gibbons said, refusing to tip his hand. "We're familiar with Osuna and we like everything we've seen out of Drew."

Whatever order they end up pitching, Osuna, Storen and lefty Brett Cecil, who didn't allow an earned run in the second half of last season, should make a strong late-inning group.

Storen, who alternated in and out of the closer's role throughout his six years in the Washington Nationals' bullpen, said the guys pitching the seventh and eighth innings are often just as important as the man in the ninth.

"Any time you're dealing with those last three innings, period, there's usually one pivotal moment in those innings," he said Tuesday morning.

"Every great bullpen has great setup guys who can get it to the closer."

Indeed, the prevailing opinion of more analytically inclined baseball pundits is that closers are overrated and their value is inflated by a mostly arbitrary save statistic. Those who subscribe to that school of thought question why teams would save their best reliever for the ninth inning if the game hinges on a moment in the sixth, seventh or eighth? They argue that teams should use their best relievers in the highest-leverage opportunities, regardless of the inning.

The counterargument is that players perform best when they know their role.

While Storen believes that overall bullpen depth is ultimately more important than a lights-out closer, he said the ninth inning is "a different animal."

"The hitters are kind of against the wall," he said. "They're desperate and they've got to do something. So you just can't give them anything."

The more games Storen closed, the more he said he learned to "prey" on hitters' aggressiveness. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ESTRADA

Starting pitcher Marco Estrada will "probably" start the season on the disabled list, Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said Tuesday morning.

If that is the case, the team will open the season with four starting pitchers and carry an extra reliever.

An off-day in the first week LETs the Jays use just four starters the first time through the rotation.

Marco Estrada
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Estrada, who returned to the Jays this season on a two-year deal, missed the first month of spring training with back tightness after injuring himself attempting a martial arts move in the off-season.

He is healthy now, but given his late start he needs another week to build up his arm strength.
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Dutch stall England's winning momentum

EUROPEAN FRIENDLIES

Netherlands take advantage of defensive uncertainty

Netherlands defender Daley Blind chases down masked England striker Harry Kane on Tuesday at Wembley Stadium.
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Three days after beating the world champions, England was given a reality check ahead of the European Championship by a team that didn't even qualify for the tournament.

England squandered a lead and lost 2-1 to the Netherlands in an international friendly at Wembley Stadium on Tuesday, stalling the momentum built up after consecutive wins over France in November and Germany on Saturday.

Jamie Vardy's 41st-minute goal, at the end of a flowing team move, looked like helping England to another victory over a traditional European power — albeit a Dutch side massively hit by injuries and reeling from failing to qualify for Euro 2016.

But the Netherlands took advantage of England's ongoing defensive uncertainty, with striker Vincent Janssen converting a 50th-minute penalty and then setting up substitute Luciano Narsingh for a winner in the 77th.

"It's very much highs and lows this week," England manager Roy Hodgson said, after the team's last match before he selects his 23-man squad for the Euros on May 12.

This was the last chance for England players to stake their claims and Hodgson chose an experimental team, mostly comprising fringe players.

Vardy did his chances no harm, scoring three days after also finding the net in the 3-2 win at Germany in Berlin. But it was a difficult evening for centre back John Stones, while debutant Danny Drinkwater — so impressive and full of energy for unfancied leader Leicester in the Premier League this season — wasn't helped by being tied to a midfield anchor role.

For the Netherlands, though, this was a step in the right direction after embarrassingly finishing fourth in its Euro 2016 qualifying group, so soon after placing third at the 2014 World Cup. On a night when Dutch great Johan Cruyff, who died last week, was honoured with a selection of tributes at Wembley, the national team could finally smile.

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- 1/2 cup diced pancetta
- 5 oz. fresh spinach
- 1 cup fresh shaved asiago cheese

Directions

1. Bring a pot of heavily salted water (it should taste like the ocean) to boil and add pasta; cook according to package directions.

2. Heat a large skillet over medium heat and then add a tablespoon of oil. Add garlic and cook for about 1 minute, until fragrant. Add pancetta and cook until browned. Adjust the heat to low and then stir in the spinach and allow it to wilt.

3. Once pasta is done, add to the pan with spinach along with the remaining oil and stir. Sprinkle pasta with asiago cheese. Remove pasta from heat and serve.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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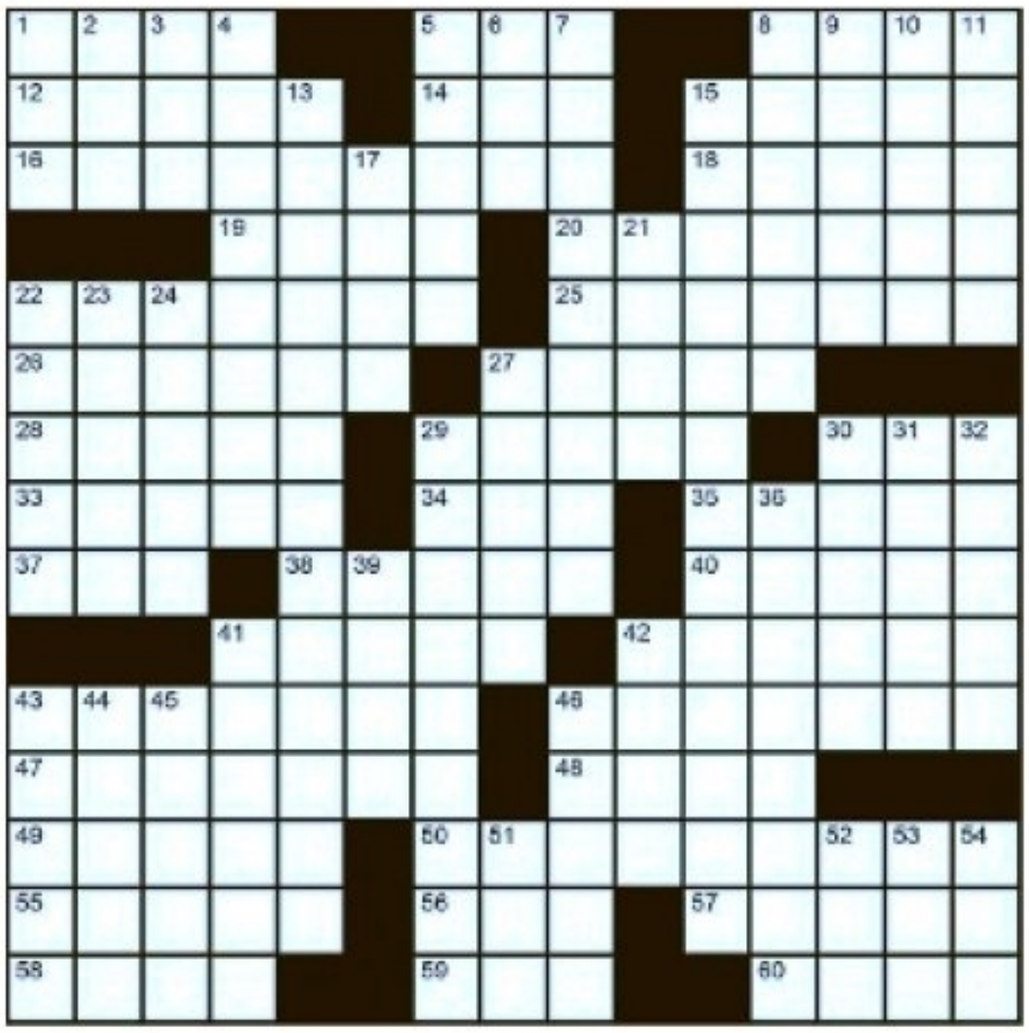

ACROSS
1. Mr. Clayton of U2
5. City ride
8. Legally fair
12. Canadian eyewear chain, __ Optical
14. Cuckoo bird
15. Del __ (Canned fruit brand)
16. Tilted up against: 2 wds.
18. Variety of flower
19. Nylons nuisance
20. Store employee at the counter
22. Married Canadian hosts of #15-Down, __ and Dave Wilson
25. Miss Havisham's ward
26. Islands of Portugal
27. French __ (Fast food order)
28. Don Juan types
29. Cloudiness of vision
30. "Star Trek: Voyager" role
33. English speaker, for short
34. Quebec flag symbol, Fleur-de-__
35. Unfresh, as bread
37. Golfing prop
38. Contaminate
40. Western movie
41. Blue Rodeo's "__ Hit Me Yet"
42. "The __" (Steve Carell series)
43. Scattered
46. Seats for Miss Muffet
47. Muse of comedy in Greek myth, and her namesakes
48. Strait of Belle __
49. Comic actress Ms. Wilson
50. Divide, as with a wall
55. Have __ of one's own
56. Be in debt
57. Fried foods coating, perhaps
58. "__ Dinah" by Frankie Avalon
59. Writer Mr. Lawrence, et al.
60. Skim

DOWN
1. Hamilton Bulldogs org.
2. Actor, Daniel __ Kim
3. Alias, e.g.
4. Troubadour
5. Loose fitting
6. One, in Mexico
7. Most earnest
8. Teasingly jokes
9. Johnny Mathis hit bit: "..._ the twelfth of never..."
10. Structural material
11. Earth
13. Team the Ottawa Senators play at the Xcel Energy Center: 2 wds.
15. Nashville-set reno/realty show, on W Network and HGTV: 3 wds.
17. Refusals in Glasgow
21. Nepal's location
22. 18-__ gold
23. Earth's sky layer
24. "I Heard I Had" by Vancouver band Dear __
27. Fire-making aid
29. Changing traffic lanes concern
30. Ms. Couric
31. Turn a person into a politician
32. Parched periods
36. Prom dress materials
39. Drifting
41. Roch Volsine song
42. Air freshener brand
43. Priceless violin, for short
44. Subject
45. Fervent
46. Cars have four
51. Wonderment
52. "Monsters, __." (2001)
53. River to the Volga
54. Napierville negative

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Avoid intense discussions and encounters with bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs today. They could quickly disintegrate into a nasty argument!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Research that you do today might yield something shocking. It could be a secret from the past. It also might relate to politics or religion. Be careful how you use this information.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Discussions with a friend or a member of a group might turn into a power struggle today. Don't try to force your opinions on anyone else, and don't let anyone do this to you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a poor day to talk to authority figures, because you probably are obsessed with an idea. You're like a dog with a bone. This will not go over too well. Wait for another day.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Avoid controversial subjects, because you will end up arguing about politics, religion or racial issues. People are intense and obsessed today!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Quarrels about shared property, inheritances, taxes, debt and jointly held possessions might come to a head today. However, this is a poor day for these discussions. Ya think?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Avoid quarrels with partners and close friends today. Either you or someone else won't let go of an idea, which is the source of the problem.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might have to fix broken equipment at work today. In doing so, avoid quarrels with co-workers who think they know better.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Parents should be easygoing with kids today, because it's a quarrelsome day. Likewise, romantic partners might experience conflict. Just let it go. Lighten up.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be tactful during family discussions today because people are obsessed about issues. Home repairs are one thing that seems to be on the table right now.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do not try to coerce others to agree with you today. (Ironically, you won't get them to agree anyway.) Just keep things light, because relations with others are intense.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If shopping today, be careful! You might buy something regardless of whether you should do this or not. Avoid quarrels about money and possessions, as well.

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